

## **PM-SHRI scheme**

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# Why in news?

Kerala's Leader of the Opposition has accused the state government for accepting to implement the PM-SHRI Scheme.

- PM SHRI Schools Prime Minister's ScHools for Rising India is a centrally sponsored scheme.
- **Aim** To strengthen **select existing schools** to provide high-quality education in an equitable, inclusive and joyful school environment.
- **Launched in -** 2022.
- **Nodal Ministry** Ministry of Education.
- **Duration** Period of <u>5 years</u> from year 2022-23 to 2026-27.
- Implementing Agencies Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), and State/UT education departments.
- **Objective** To provide equitable, quality, inclusive, and holistic education envisaged by the *National Education Policy (NEP) 2020*.
- Salient Features in Practice
  - Holistic, Multidisciplinary Education Focus on critical thinking, experiential learning, and competency-based education.
  - Integration of vocational and skill-based learning from an early stage.
  - Digital & Smart Infrastructure Smart classrooms, digital libraries, and use of ICT tools.
  - Emphasis on green schools Energy-efficient buildings, solar power, waste management, and water conservation.
  - Inclusive & Equitable Learning Focus on children from diverse socio-economic backgrounds, including divyang (special needs) students.
  - Teacher Empowerment Continuous professional development through DIKSHA platform and innovative pedagogy training.
  - Assessment Reform -Move away from rote learning to competency-

- based assessments aligned with NEP 2020.
- Community and Parental Participation Local community, alumni, and parents encouraged to engage in school management and improvement.
- **Progress** A total of **33 States/UTs and KVS/NVS** have signed the MoU with Ministry of Education for implementation of PM SHRI Scheme.
- Some, including West Bengal, Tamil Nadu have had disagreements with the central government regarding the scheme.

# **Quick Fact**

## Education

- It is in *Concurrent List* of the Indian Constitution.
- Originally on the State List, moved via the 42<sup>nd</sup> Amendment in 1976.
- **NEP, 2020** Aims to restructure the school curriculum from a 10+2 to a 5+3+3+4 model.
- It emphasizes early childhood care, foundational learning, skill development, and multidisciplinary education to reduce dependence on rote memorization.
- Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan An overarching program encompassing school education from pre-school to senior secondary level, aimed at providing inclusive and equitable quality education.
- **FDI** 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is allowed in the education sector.
- Digital Initiatives
- **PM e-VIDYA -** Unifies all digital education efforts to provide multi-mode access to learning.
- **DIKSHA** (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) A national platform for teachers to access and share learning materials.
- **SWAYAM** Offers Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) for school and lifelong learners.

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